

AGENDA INFORMATION

☐ Regular Meeting

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Councillor Lisa Muri

SUBJECT: Vape Shops

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council with options for limiting vape shops within the District of North Vancouver.

REASON FOR REPORT:

To clarify the District's current regulatory authority and identify potential options for limiting vape shops within the District moving forward.

SUMMARY:

Vape shops are currently permitted as a retail use under the District's zoning and business licensing bylaws in various commercial and mixed-use zones. Federal and provincial governments regulate the manufacture, sale, and safety of vaping products. The District's role is limited to land use regulation and business licensing. This report requests that staff bring forward options for limiting vape shops within the District, within the scope of municipal authority.

BACKGROUND:

Questions have been raised by members of Council and the public regarding the appropriateness of vape shops in certain commercial areas, including at-grade retail locations in village centres.

Under current zoning, vape stores are categorized as retail uses and are permitted in zones such as General Commercial (C2), including sites such as the former post office in Edgemont Village.

EXISTING POLICY:

Zoning Bylaw: Permits retail uses, including vape shops, in designated commercial and mixed-use zones.

Business Licensing Bylaw: Requires businesses to obtain and maintain a valid licence; licences may be suspended or revoked for non-compliance with applicable regulations.

Federal Regulation: The Government of Canada regulates vaping products, including manufacturing, labelling, and promotion.

Provincial Regulation: The Province of British Columbia regulates the retail sale of vaping products, including age restrictions (19+), licensing requirements, and enforcement.

Public Input:

Public feedback has been received informally through correspondence and community discussion regarding vape shop locations, particularly in village centres. No formal public engagement has been conducted specific to this issue to date.

Conclusion:

Vape shops are a legal and regulated business type in Canada and British Columbia and are currently permitted under the District's zoning bylaws. The District's authority is limited to land use and licensing; however, Council may choose to explore additional regulatory tools within that scope. A staff report would provide a detailed review of feasible options.

Options:

1. That the motion, as presented, be supported; or,
2. That the motion, as presented, be amended; or,
3. That the motion, as presented, is not supported.

Respectfully submitted,



Jordan Back
Councillor



Lisa Muri
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REVIEWED WITH:					
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☐ Bylaw Services	_____	☐ Fire Services	_____	☐ Library Board	_____
☐ Clerk's Office	_____	☐ GIS	_____	☐ Museum and Archives	_____
☐ Climate and Biodiversity	_____	☐ Human Resources	_____	☐ NSEM	_____
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